

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1154

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sharon L. Smith, on her selection as 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year at Capshaw Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Smith is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith has recently been selected 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year by Capshaw Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; she was selected as Teacher of the Year at Capshaw for the 2007-2008 school year as well; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Smith received her bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith has served with acumen and alacrity as a third grade teacher for thirteen exemplary years; at other times in her estimable career, she has taught second grade, kindergarten, and first grade; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, she has kept abreast of the latest educational trends and methods through her membership in several professional organizations and her participation in professional development programs; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Smith truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith evinces deep, Christian convictions as an active and devout member of First Baptist Church, where she has faithfully served as a Family Life Center volunteer, Vacation Bible School teacher, Sunday School teacher, Choir teacher, and on various committees; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Smith truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sharon L. Smith on being chosen as 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year at Capshaw Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.